¶ A letter ſent from Roſſe by a *Gentleman of worſhip to his frend at* Oteringham to be certified of the *truth of the ſhape of the Childe* borne there.

SIR vnderſtanding that there is a monſtrus child Borne in your pariſhe of Oteringham to the great admiration of the people that haue ſeen it, being a thing as I take it ſent of God to forewarne vs of our wickednes. And hearing diuers reportes thereof, I deſire you to do me that fauour as to ſend me in writing the true forme of the monſter, the day of the birth thereof, and the names of the parents. I make bould with you, but if it like you to doe mee this fauour, you ſhall command mee any thing that lieth in my power to performe.

Thus commending my ſelfe vnto you; I commit you to God: From Roſſe this present Tueſday being the 6. of May. 1595.

Your frend to vſe

M.S.

To my very good frend M.S. at Rosse

SIR hauing receaued your letter, I thought it no lesse then my duety too perfoꝛme and graũt your reasonable requeſt wherefoꝛe it may pleaſe you to vnderſtand that the ninthe of Apꝛil laſt paſt this admired Monſter was bꝛought into the woꝛld to the great amaſement of all thoſe that beheld it, but to obſerue decoꝛum it is requiſit beꝛoꝛe I ſpeake oꝛ wꝛite thereof, that I ſhould ſhewe ſome circumſtances whiche went beꝛoꝛe the birthe thereof thereby to make the matter moꝛe plaine vnto you and your frendes.

There is in our pariſh of Oreringham a mã of honeſt & good diſpoſition named Iohn Rawling, who hath to wife one Elizabeth Rawling, A woman of honeſt life and conuerſation, who being conceaued with childe accompliſhed her daies with much griefe: At length the time of her trauell being come, ſhe was the ſeuenth of Apꝛill laſt, ſafly deliuered of a iolly

woman child, of right shape and comely pro-
portion, which child is now aliue, wherat the
parents and neyghbors reioyced, thinking al
thinges had ben well and their busines ended
but so it fell not out. For you shall vnderstand
that after the former perill was past, newe
panges began to arise vpon the sorrowful wo
man, in such sort that it caused a lamentation
among all the wiues. Thus with painfull
throwes she endured two daies more, and at
the last was released of her painfull burden,
the ninth day of the same moneth she brought
forth this monsterous child, a terror to all the
beholders. The head wherof was like a Con
ny: The handes was like a mole: The bodie,
legges, & fæte like a woman, hauing also the
priueties like a woman, it had no heare on
the head or other partes, and the skinne was
very blacke and feareful to the eyes of the be-
holders, as M. Latham M. Browne our mini-
ster with diuers others which haue sæne the
same can certifie you.

Many times hath the Lord shewed vs his
wonders, and maruelous workes, to be a fore
warning of the punishments whiche he hath
prepared for sin: What a number of straunge
tokens, monsterus birthes, blazing starres,
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liues hath he shewen in our land, and yet few or none regardes it. Let no man thinke that such things do come by chance or fortune, but that they are appointed to be messengers of ensuing plagues which are like to fall vpon vs, except with repenting harts we turne vn to our God and forsake our wicked waies.

Yours to vse
V. Duncalfe.

Here followeth the description of a monstrous fishe which was driuen on the shore at Outhorn in Holdernes the 12. of February 1595. Not passing 2. monethes before this monster was brought into the world.

SUch is the mercifullnesse of our God that he wil neuer punish any people or nation without warning first sent vnto them. And therefore, the Prophetes in old time cried vnto the people before any destruction fell vpon them. Many other meanes hath the Lord wrought to forewarne the children of men of ensuing euilles. Before the destruction of Ierusalem a Comet like a sworde hounge ouer the cittie the space of one whole yeare.

In the night time a light was seene in the temple the space of halfe an hower.

Also a cowe being carried into the temple for sacrifice, calued a Lambe in sight of al the people.

A great and mightie gate of brasse, which twentie men could scantly shut opned it selfe alone.

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An army of soldiers was seene in the cloudes. And a voice was harde in the Temple that said, Let vs go hence. Thus was [illegible] warned, that by repentance it might escape the intended destruction.

The Lord be mercifull to this our Countrey of England, vnto whom our most louing God hathe giuen many warninges, yea as many as euer Ierusalem had, and yet we continue in our former sinnes.

The Ayer hath beene corrupted because of sin, the Skie hath shotte foorth fiery thunderbolles and lightenings because of sin, straung comettes hath threatned destruction for our sinne, the earth hath quaked because of the wrath of God for sinne, and mountaines haue remoued out of their places to giue vs warning to remoue from our sinne.

The Lord hath sent vs straunge and monsterous birthes, because of our monsterous sinne. The ennemie hath threatned warre against vs, the plague of pestilence hath afflicted and consumed vs, dearth and famine hath assailed vs, and all to driue vs from our sins: yet who hath regarded Gods threates, or beene amended by his punishmentes.

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The people of the countrey came in great aboundance to behold this straunge fish, marueling thereat, not knowing what to saye oz iudge therof, but onely resolueth them selues that it was sent of God to some great purpose.

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